

Bearing Fruit? Works Salvation? Or Do Nothing?

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There are those who will proudly proclaim that no one has to do anything in order to be saved and loudly complain about a perceived works salvation. So, let's be clear and balanced here: Does the Bible teach that we don't have to do anything? Not even close! Does the Bible teach that we somehow merit our salvation by the works that we do? Nope, doesn't teach that either. The truth, as often is the case, lies somewhere in between these two extreme ideas.

John demanded that those who came out to be baptized return and "bear fruit" if they hoped to be saved (Luke 3:8-9). When many came to him asking what they needed to do he didn't say that they didn't have to do anything but instructed them in the ways of righteousness. When Jesus came along he not only taught righteous living but also went about doing good, leaving us an example to do just as he did (Acts 10:38).

Obedience to God is absolutely essential! Yet we must also consider that just going about doing good doesn't define Christianity or righteousness. Jesus also said that the gospel needed to be preached (Mark 13:10). Doing good and bearing fruit is a vehicle through which we gain the opportunity to tell others about Christ, His love, and the hope we have in Him. Obey God, bear fruit, and preach the Good News. Faithful living is essential to our salvation (Matthew 25:21, 23)!

YOUTH GROUP

There will not be a Youth Devo this week. If you would like to host, there is a sign-up sheet on the back Bulletin board.



Camp Hensel

Easter weekend: **April 18-20, 2025**

Marble Falls, Tx

You can register online at www.hensel2025.com

\$75 per student

Camp Bandina

June 1-7, 2025

Register online: www.bandina-cecilhutsonsession.com

Camp fee: \$180 for 1st camper

\$160 for additional campers

\$200 for all campers after May 1st

If you have any questions, please contact the Sanford's.



WE NEED YOU



We are in need of men to sign-up for a 3-5 minute devotional on Wednesday nights! There is a sign up sheet on the back bulletin board.

There will be a Men's Bible Study this



Thursday, February 20th at 7:00 p.m. continuing in Micah.

Please Pray

Melissa Burns, Pam Hillman's niece, is having health issues. She is having multiple tests ran, and a breast biopsy is scheduled... Nora, friend of Beth Casey, is having health issues and is not doing well... Co-worker of Kyle Teat is having spinal surgery.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

Pat Arnold, Dorothy Booth, Kannika Bun, Mike Cox, Betty Debose, Gary Faycosh Sr., Kathy Faul, Farrell Faul, Matt Foley, Cindy Gernand, Jeanie Granger, Barbara Hernandez, Erin West Janki, David Johnson, Frank Kita, Danny Lewis, Shelia Mac, Jo Anne Maywald, Kelly Miller, Case Opperman, John Shaw, Kyle Teat, Maggie Walker, Audrey Ware.